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Folks,

I truly cannot believe that this settlement is even considered. Why? I can't list everything here, but consider this. If I buy a Windows based system, I am truly stuck. I choose another OS to run on that machine, I have no other software to choose from to become compatible with the windows world. Novell and Apple are both in the same dilemma they are trying to fight an up hill battle with a 800 lb. gorilla as some would say. However, to be fair both products MUST remain compatible with you know who, Microsoft. Without this compatibility these companies cannot compete. Why should they cater to someone that already OWNS the PC market.

Finally, the use of a gorilla in the above analogy is wrong. A gorilla is a social, caring and docile animal. Microsoft is not.

So please think about your decision. We want Microsoft to be competitive not force others out of business. Many a good company has failed. They tried to compete, however, because Microsoft will either take over or use their leverage to create an anti-competitive market. Read from a few years ago in Business Week a Day in the shoes of Bill Gates then make your final judgement.

Thanks much,

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